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DEPT FOR OES, KRATZER AND GANLEY; DEPT PASS NIH,
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ANNUAL MEETING, PARIS JANUARY 12-16, 1976

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1) HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DR. ASTIN HAVE BEEN MADE AT
THE HOTEL SCRIBE, 1 RUE SCRIBE, PARIS 9, PHONE
742-0340 FOR THE EVENINGS OF JAN 11-16. REF B
REQUESTED A HOTEL ROOM THROUGH JAN 14, HOWEVER, RE-
SERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH THE END OF THE WEEK
IN THE EXPECTATION THAT DR. ASTIN WOULD BE ABLE
TO REMAIN IN PARIS THROUGH THE ENTIRE WEEK. WE
HOPE THAT THE PROGRAM TO BE DEVELOPED WILL JUSTIFY
THIS RECOMMENDATION AND THAT DR. ASTIN'S SCHEDULE
WILL PERMIT HIS REMAINING FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK.

2) REF C GIVES NO INFO ON ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE
PLANS FOR DR. AND MRS. DAVID OR ON THEIR DESIRES
FOR HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY HAS MADE RESERVA-
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TIONS AT THE HOTEL ALEXANDER, 102 AVENUE VICTOR

HUGO, PARIS 16, PHONE 704-2304, FOR THE NIGHTS OF JAN 10-17. THIS IS A DOUBLE ROOM WITH BATH, COSTING APPROX 135 FF (ABOUT \$31) PER NIGHT. THIS RESERVATION HAS BEEN MADE TO ASSIST DR. DAVID'S PLANS AND CAN EASILY BE CANCELLED OR CHANGED AS DESIRED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES AND ON HOTEL DESIRES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3) IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY SCICOUN, MFA SCIENCE DIRECTOR DE NAZELLE BRIEFLY REVIEWED HIS COMMENTS ON NEW TOPICS FOR THE BILATERAL PROGRAM THAT HE MADE TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY KRATZER DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO PARIS AT END OF NOVEMBER.

(A) DE NAZELLE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME FRENCH INTEREST AND WOULD WELCOME FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT MENTIONED BY MR. KRATZER, WHICH WOULD FOCUS ON ISSUES OF FEDERAL RESEARCH LABORATORY MANAGEMENT. IN THE U.S., THIS SUBJECT AREA IS OF CONCERN TO THE FCST SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL LABS WHICH IS TRADITIONALLY CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS. CNRS DIRECTOR GREGORY HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH DR. RICHARD ROBERTS IN MAY OF 1975, WHILE THE LATTER WAS DIRECTOR OF NBS.

(B) DE NAZELLE HAD NOT FOUND AN APPROPRIATE FRENCH COUNTERPART TO IRI AND THUS COULD NOT RESPOND FURTHER TO KRATZER'S SUGGESTED TOPIC OF THE ROLE OF THE DECISIONMAKING PROCESS WITHIN THE MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FARMS.

(C) DE NAZELLE NOTED THAT THE EARLY DECEMBER MEETING AT BETHESDA ON BILATERAL CANCER RESEARCH HAD APPARENTLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND HE LOOKED FORWARD TO BEING INFORMED BY OFFICIALS OF INSERM ON THE DETAILS. HE HOPED THIS COOPERATION WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT NEW STARTER ON A BILATERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM.

(D) HE HAD NOTHING MORE TO ADD TO HIS PREVIOUS COMMENT ABOUT FRENCH INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH THE U.S. INVOLVING FOOD AND AGRICULTURE. AT HIS MEETING WITH KRATZER HE HAD MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS FRENCH INTEREST IN DEVELOPING CERTAIN COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS, BUT IT APPEARED

DIFFICULT FOR THE USDA TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXPERTS
FOR THE FRENCH-SUGGESTED MEETINGS.

(E) AS HE HAS NORMALLY DONE, DE NAZELLE NOTED FRENCH
PLEASURE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE CNEXO/NOAA COOPERATIVE
PROJECT, AND HOPED THAT ALL OF US COULD FIND ANOTHER
PROJECT TO REPLACE THE VERY POPULAR PROJECT FAMOUS.

F) DE NAZELLE NOTED THAT HE HAD MENTIONED TO KRATZER
HIS PERSONAL INTERESTS IN DEVELOPING COOPERATIVE

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PROGRAMS CONCERNING R & D ON NEW SOURCES OF ENERGIES.
HE HAD NO SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN MIND BUT AGAIN
EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT HE WOULD DO ALL IN THE
POWER OF HIS AGENCY TO DEVELOP CORRESPONDING FRENCH
PARTICIPATION IN MUTUALLY USEFUL PROJECTS THAT THE
U.S. MIGHT PROPOSE.

4) THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING
TOPICS AS POSSIBLE NEW PROPOSALS. THE POSSIBILITY
OF BILATERAL PROJECTS HAS NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY DIS-
CUSSED WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES; THESE SUBJECTS, HOW-
EVER, ARE KNOWN TO BE OF INTEREST TO THE FRENCH.
THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THE DEPT DETERMINE THE
DEGREE OF USG INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS AND

IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST, THE EMBASSY WILL MAKE A SIMILAR SOUNDING WITH THE CORRESPONDING FRENCH AGENCIES. IF THERE IS APPARENT MUTUAL INTEREST IN MOVING FORWARD IN THESE FIELDS, THE DETAILS CAN BE DISCUSSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

(A) GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION OF GENETIC MANIPULATION (GM) EXPERIMENTS--THE FRENCH GOVT HAS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BEEN CONCERNED AND ACTIVE IN THE ISSUE OF GOVT REGULATIONS OF GENETIC EXPERIMENTS. THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTIVITIES AND SOME OF THEIR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN PARIS TELEGRAMS 31736 OF DEC 3, 1975; PARIS 28665 OF NOV 4, 1975; AND PARIS 16493 OF JUNE 25, 1975. THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE HAS KEPT NIH INFORMED ON FRENCH INTERESTS AND CONCERNS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEMS FOR GOVT REGULATION IN THIS FIELD ARE SIMILAR IN THE U.S. AND IN FRANCE AND PROBABLY IN OTHER COUNTRIES. AS A PROJECT, IT IS PROPOSED THAT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVTS MEET IN AN UNSTRUCTURED AND INFORMAL BASIS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND PROBLEMS ON REGULATION IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND TO JOINTLY CONSIDER WHETHER THERE EXISTS A BASIS FOR FURTHER INTERNATIONAL ACTION AMONG OFFICIALS OF OTHER GOVTS WHO MAY BE EQUALLY CONCERNED WITH THE APPROPRIATE REGULATION OF EXPERIMENTS IN THIS FIELD. WE BELIEVE THE FRENCH OFFICIALS WOULD WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY, PARTICULARLY IF IT IS DONE ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS WITH NO PUBLICITY. IF THERE IS USG INTEREST IN INFORMALLY EXPLORING THIS TOPIC WITH THE GOF AT THE ANNUAL MEETING WE COULD ADVISE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO BE PREPARED.

(B) EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION. JACQUES MICHEL, DIRECTOR OF BNIST, IN A RECENT DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY SCIATT MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND HIS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH THE U.S. TO COVER THE EXCHANGE OF UP TO 5 PROFESSIONALS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. BNIST AND SSIE HAVE A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT AND MICHEL HAS APPARENTLY ROOM IN HIS BUDGET FOR UP TO \$50,000 FOR SUCH AN EXCHANGE WHICH COULD BE PUT TO USE STARTING IN JAN 1976. BNIST AND SSIE HAVE DISCUSSED AND APPARENTLY REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE PROPOSAL TO SEND ONE FRENCH EXPERT TO SSIE TO UNDERSTAND ITS OPERATIONS. THIS PROPOSAL IS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AND IS PERHAPS SIMILAR TO THE

NSF/CNRS SCIENTIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM. APPARENTLY
THE FRENCH WOULD FIND IT OF INTEREST TO HAVE
FIVE OF THEIR PEOPLE WORK IN SSIE OR OTHER U.S.
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TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION FIRMS AND WOULD WELCOME
5 AMERICANS TO FRANCE TO BE ACTIVE IN A SIMILAR
MANNER. IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST IN THE
USG TO PURSUE THIS POSSIBILITY, WE WILL ADVISE BNIST
TO PUT FORWARD THEIR PROPOSAL THROUGH THE FRENCH
COORDINATORS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE JANUARY MEETING.

5) THERE ARE A FEW ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD BE WEL-
COMED INTO THE FORUM OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BILATERAL PROGRAM. SUCH TOPICS ARE AGREEMENT ON A
SPECIFIC PROGRAM OF CANCER RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH
SOME INDICATION OF THE NATURE AND SIZE OF COMMITMENTS
BY EACH COUNTRY; FRENCH SIGNATURE OF THE IPOD (SEE
PARIS TELEGRAM 27281 OF OCT 21); AGREEMENT AND POSSIBLY
SIGNATURE OF THE CEA/ERDA ACCORD ON COOPERATION AND
PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WITH ONE OR MORE OF ITS
SUBORDINATE PROTOCOLS. THE DEPT MAY WISH TO CHECK ON
THE STATUS OF THESE PROJECTS JUST PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL
MEETING WITH AN EYE TO DETERMINING IF BRINGING SUCH

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ACTIVITIES INTO THE ANNUAL MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE MEETING AS WELL AS TO THE PROGRESS OF EACH OF THESE SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

6) THE DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 12-16 HAS NOT YET BEEN DEVELOPED. TENTATIVELY, WE ARE ARRANGING FOR A VISIT TO CSTB ON MONDAY, JAN 13, OR TUESDAY, JAN 14. A MEETING WITH MINISTER D'ORNANO IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY MORNING JAN 15. OTHER VISITS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED, AND AS THE SCHEDULE IS DEVELOPED, WE WILL ADVISE THE DEPT. IN ADDITION TO THE PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING OF DRS. DAVID AND ASTIN, IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELCOMED BY THE FRENCH TO HAVE THE PARTICIPATION OF A SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL ACTIVE IN THE SCIENCE FIELD SUCH AS MR. KRATZER OR DR. GANLEY. HOWEVER, LOOKING AT THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE OES STAFF OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY WORKINGS OF THE US/FRENCH SCIENTIFIC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SESSION. THE FRENCH COUNTERPART TO THAT OFFICER IS MICHEL PEISSIK, A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER ON DETAIL TO DGRST, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A NUMBER OF FRANCE'S INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THAT WITH THE U.S.,
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